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Amendment and Response

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AMENDMENT A AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action issued August 22, 2002 in the above-captioned application, applicant affirms the provisional election of the invention of Group I (claims 1-7, 10-17, SEQ ID NO:3 encoding NO:4). The applicants request that the specification and claims be amended as follows, and the application reconsidered; a Petition for a three-month extension of time is included herewith.

In the specification:

In the specification please delete the specified paragraphs, and replace them with the paragraphs below. A marked-up copy of the specified paragraphs is appended hereto. In the marked-up copy, material to be deleted is marked with a strikethrough (~~strikethrough~~) and material to be inserted is underlined.

On page 50, at line 25, please delete the embedded hyperlink and edit the incorporation by reference such that the paragraph spanning pages 50 and 51 reads as follows:

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A number of screening techniques that include the use of cell based or in vitro based specific binding assays or tests are known. (See, for example, *High Throughput Screening: The Discovery of Bioactive Substances*, John P. Devlin (ed.), Marcel Dekker, New York, 1997, ISBN: 0-8247-0067-8., and the web sites for the Laboratory Robotics Interest Group ("lab-robotics.org/") and the Society for Biomolecular Screening ("sbsonline.org/") all of which are incorporated herein by reference) When combined with integrated robotic systems, high throughput screening techniques can be used to test and screen large collections of chemical